

surviving Members for a 45-day period until we can have special elections to replace Members of Congress who might have been killed in such an attack; or we could follow a different model under which we would have this Congress populated for a temporary period by persons who are appointed under a previously prescribed procedure until we could have a special election so that we would again have elected representatives for each of the 435 districts in this House.

I much prefer the latter. I do not think it is a good idea, as this bill does, to, in effect, create a situation in which we would have one-man rule for 45 days. We could have literally only a handful of Members of Congress who had survived an attack, and I do not think under those circumstances that we want to be ruled by a President without any kind of checks and balances whatsoever.

So there is an honest, intellectual difference of opinion on this question. And I think we are going down the wrong road. I think that by choosing the model that was chosen, what is happening is that we are in fact choosing form over substance. It is indeed important to have persons who represent each of our districts be elected representatives. But if the Member from an individual district is blown away in a terrorist attack, it is in my judgment, better that that district be represented on a temporary basis by an appointed person rather than having them represented by no one at all for that period.

So that is why I think that this House in its haste to find a solution is going down the wrong road.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. LAHOOD. I wonder if the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) would, since I gave him a friendly reminder, would be willing to vote for the bill now as a result from the fact now that you could now expound on this for another 5 minutes?

Mr. OBEY. No, I do not think so. I think there is always room in this place for protest votes, and this is one occasion when I intend to exercise it; but I thank the gentleman for his efforts.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD).

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say this. We did have a very spirited debate on this issue of continuity. We really did. I do not know if there were 5 or 6 or 7 hours, but the gentleman from Washington (Mr. BAIRD) had his chance to present his bill and have a vote on it. And, frankly, not very many Members voted for it. And we did have a good debate about it, but I think ultimately the Speaker decided that we have to get on with this issue and this was the place to put it.

It may not be the best place, but it is in this bill because I think the Speaker felt an obligation that we have to deal with this issue at some point. It may not be perfect, but we did have a very good debate about it, and I think that is why it is included in the bill.

I thank the chairman for allowing me to explain that.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2361, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for the electronic vote on the question of adoption of the conference report on H.R. 2985.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 410, nays 10, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 450]
YEAS—410

Abercrombie	Bonner	Chabot	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kind	Peterson (PA)
Ackerman	Bono	Chandler	Diaz-Balart, M.	King (IA)	Pickering
Aderholt	Boozman	Chocola	Dicks	King (NY)	Pitts
Akin	Boren	Clay	Doggett	Kingston	Platts
Alexander	Boswell	Cleaver	Doolittle	Kirk	Poe
Allen	Boucher	Clyburn	Doyle	Kline	Pombo
Baca	Boustany	Coble	Drake	Knollenberg	Pomeroy
Bachus	Boyd	Cole (OK)	Dreier	Kolbe	Porter
Baird	Bradley (NH)	Conaway	Edwards	Kucinich	Price (GA)
Baker	Brady (PA)	Conyers	Ehlers	Kuhl (NY)	Price (NC)
Baldwin	Brady (TX)	Cooper	Emanuel	LaHood	Pryce (OH)
Barrett (SC)	Brown (OH)	Costa	Emerson	Langevin	Putnam
Barrow	Brown (SC)	Costello	Engel	Lantos	Radanovich
Bartlett (MD)	Brown, Corrine	Crenshaw	English (PA)	Larsen (WA)	Rahall
Barton (TX)	Brown-Waite,	Crowley	Eshoo	Larson (CT)	Ramstad
Bass	Ginny	Cubin	Etheridge	Latham	Rangel
Bean	Burgess	Culberson	Evans	LaTourette	Regula
Beauprez	Burton (IN)	Cummings	Everett	Leach	Rehberg
Becerra	Butterfield	Cunningham	Farr	Lee	Reichert
Berkley	Buyer	Davis (AL)	Fattah	Levin	Reyes
Berman	Calvert	Davis (CA)	Feeney	Lewis (CA)	Reynolds
Berry	Camp	Davis (IL)	Ferguson	Lewis (GA)	Rogers (AL)
Biggert	Cannon	Davis (KY)	Filner	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (KY)
Bilirakis	Cantor	Davis (TN)	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Linder	Rogers (MI)
Bishop (GA)	Capito	Davis, Jo Ann	Foley	Lipinski	Rohrabacher
Bishop (NY)	Capps	Davis, Tom	Forbes	LoBiondo	Ros-Lehtinen
Bishop (UT)	Capuano	Deal (GA)	Ford	Lofgren, Zoe	Ross
Blackburn	Cardin	DeFazio	Fortenberry	Lowe	Rothman
Blumenauer	Cardoza	DeGette	Fossella	Lucas	Roybal-Allard
Blunt	Carnahan	Delahunt	Fox	Lungren, Daniel	Royce
Boehlert	Carter	DeLauro	Frank (MA)	E.	Ruppersberger
Boehner	Case	DeLay	Frelinghuysen	Mack	Rush
Bonilla	Castle	Dent	Gallegly	Maloney	Ryan (OH)
			Garrett (NJ)	Manzullo	Ryan (WI)
			Gerlach	Marchant	Ryan (KS)
			Gibbons	Markey	Sabo
			Gilchrest	Marshall	Salazar
			Gingrey	Matheson	Sanchez, Linda
			Gohmert	Matsui	T.
			Gonzalez	McCarthy	Sanchez, Loretta
			Goode	McCaul (TX)	Sanders
			Goodlatte	McCollum (MN)	Saxton
			Gordon	McCotter	Schiff
			Granger	McCrery	Schwartz (PA)
			Green (WI)	McDermott	Schwarz (MI)
			Green, Al	McGovern	Scott (VA)
			Green, Gene	McHenry	Sensenbrenner
			Grijalva	McHugh	Serrano
			Gutierrez	McIntyre	Sessions
			Gutknecht	McKeon	Shadegg
			Hall	McKinney	Shaw
			Harman	McMorris	Shays
			Harris	McNulty	Sherman
			Hart	Meehan	Sherwood
			Hastert	Meek (FL)	Shimkus
			Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Shuster
			Hastings (WA)	Melancon	Simmons
			Hayes	Menendez	Simpson
			Hayworth	Mica	Skelton
			Herger	Michaud	Slaughter
			Herseth	Millender	Smith (NJ)
			Higgins	McDonald	Smith (TX)
			Hinchey	Miller (FL)	Smith (WA)
			Hinojosa	Miller (MI)	Snyder
			Hobson	Miller (NC)	Sodrel
			Hoekstra	Miller, Gary	Solis
			Holden	Miller, George	Souder
			Holt	Mollohan	Spratt
			Honda	Moore (KS)	Stark
			Hooley	Moore (WI)	Stearns
			Hostettler	Moran (KS)	Strickland
			Hoyer	Moran (VA)	Stupak
			Hulshof	Murphy	Sullivan
			Hunter	Murtha	Sweeney
			Hyde	Musgrave	Tancred
			Inglis (SC)	Myrick	Tanner
			Inslee	Nadler	Tauscher
			Israel	Napolitano	Taylor (MS)
			Issa	Neal (MA)	Taylor (NC)
			Istook	Neugebauer	Terry
			Jackson (IL)	Ney	Thomas
			Jackson-Lee	Northup	Thompson (CA)
			(TX)	Norwood	Thompson (MS)
			Jefferson	Nunes	Thornberry
			Jenkins	Nussle	Tiahrt
			Jindal	Oberstar	Tiberi
			Johnson (CT)	Obey	Tierney
			Johnson (IL)	Ortiz	Towns
			Johnson, E. B.	Osborne	Turner
			Johnson, Sam	Otter	Udall (CO)
			Jones (OH)	Owens	Udall (NM)
			Kanjorski	Oxley	Upton
			Kaptur	Pallone	Van Hollen
			Keller	Pascrell	Velázquez
			Kelly	Pastor	Vislosky
			Kennedy (MN)	Payne	Walden (OR)
			Kennedy (RI)	Pearce	Walsh
			Kildee	Pelosi	Wamp
			Kilpatrick (MI)	Peterson (MN)	

Wasserman	Weldon (PA)	Wilson (SC)
Schultz	Weller	Wolf
Waters	Westmoreland	Woolsey
Watson	Wexler	Wu
Watt	Whitfield	Wynn
Weiner	Wicker	Young (AK)
Weldon (FL)	Wilson (NM)	Young (FL)

NAYS—10

Dingell	Graves	Pence
Duncan	Hefley	Petri
Flake	Hensarling	
Franks (AZ)	Jones (NC)	

NOT VOTING—14

Andrews	Davis (FL)	Renzi
Carson	Gillmor	Schakowsky
Cox	Lynch	Scott (GA)
Cramer	Olver	Waxman
Cuellar	Paul	

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Mr. HEFLEY changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. BUTTERFIELD, MACK, BLUMENAUER, and STARK changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 28, 2005 I was unavoidably detained and missed the House of Representative's vote on the adoption of the Conference Report on H.R. 2361, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on H.R. 2361.

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 450, Interior Appropriations bill, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on vote No. 450 regarding adoption of the Conference Report on H.R. 2361—the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006—my vote was recorded in a manner inconsistent with my intent. Let the RECORD show that my vote should have been recorded as “yea” not “nay.”

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2985, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2985, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 305, nays 122, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 451]

YEAS—305

Abercrombie	Akin	Baca
Ackerman	Alexander	Bachus
Aderholt	Allen	Baker

Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Nunes	Wilson (NM)	Wolf	Young (AK)
Bartlett (MD)	Gonzalez	Nussle	Wilson (SC)	Wynn	Young (FL)
Barton (TX)	Goodlatte	Ortiz			
Bass	Granger	Osborne			
Beauprez	Green, Al	Otter			
Berkley	Hall	Owens			
Biggert	Harman	Oxley			
Billrakis	Hart	Pascarell			
Bishop (GA)	Hastert	Pastor			
Bishop (UT)	Hastings (FL)	Payne			
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Pearce			
Blunt	Hayes	Peterson (PA)			
Boehlert	Herger	Pickering			
Boehner	Higgins	Pitts			
Bonilla	Hinojosa	Platts			
Bonner	Hobson	Poe			
Bono	Hoekstra	Pombo			
Boozman	Holden	Porter			
Boren	Holt	Price (NC)			
Boucher	Hostettler	Pryce (OH)			
Boustany	Hoyer	Putnam			
Boyd	Hunter	Radanovich			
Bradley (NH)	Hyde	Rahall			
Brady (PA)	Inglis (SC)	Ramstad			
Brady (TX)	Issa	Rangel			
Brown (SC)	Istook	Regula			
Brown, Corrine	Jackson (IL)	Rehberg			
Burgess	Jackson-Lee	Reichert			
Burton (IN)	(TX)	Reyes			
Butterfield	Jefferson	Reynolds			
Buyer	Jenkins	Rogers (AL)			
Calvert	Jindal	Rogers (KY)			
Camp	Johnson (CT)	Rogers (MI)			
Cannon	Johnson (IL)	Ros-Lehtinen			
Cantor	Johnson, E. B.	Rothman			
Capito	Johnson, Sam	Royce			
Capps	Kanjorski	Ruppersberger			
Capuano	Keller	Rush			
Cardin	Kelly	Ryan (OH)			
Carnahan	Kennedy (RI)	Ryan (WI)			
Carter	King (IA)	Ryun (KS)			
Case	King (NY)	Sabo			
Castle	Kingston	Sánchez, Linda T.			
Cleaver	Kirk	Saxton			
Clyburn	Kline	Schiff			
Cole (OK)	Knollenberg	Schwartz (PA)			
Conaway	Kolbe	Schwartz (MI)			
Costa	Kuhl (NY)	Scott (GA)			
Cox	LaHood	Scott (VA)			
Cramer	Langevin	Sensenbrenner			
Crenshaw	Lantos	Serrano			
Crowley	Larsen (WA)	Sessions			
Cubin	Larson (CT)	Shadegg			
Cuellar	Latham	Shaw			
Culberson	LaTourette	Sherwood			
Cummings	Leach	Shuster			
Cunningham	Levin	Simmons			
Davis (AL)	Lewis (CA)	Simpson			
Davis (FL)	Lewis (KY)	Skelton			
Davis (IL)	Linder	Smith (NJ)			
Davis (KY)	LoBiondo	Smith (TX)			
Davis (TN)	Lucas	Smith (WA)			
Davis, Tom	Lungren, Daniel E.	Sodrel			
Deal (GA)	Mack	Souder			
Delahunt	Manzullo	Strickland			
DeLauro	Marchant	Stupak			
DeLay	Matsui	Sullivan			
Dent	McCarthy	Sweeney			
Diaz-Balart, L.	McCaul (TX)	Taylor (NC)			
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCotter	Terry			
Dingell	McCrery	Thomas			
Doolittle	McHenry	Thompson (CA)			
Doyle	McHugh	Thompson (MS)			
Drake	McIntyre	Thornberry			
Dreier	McKeon	Tiahrt			
Edwards	McMorris	Tiberi			
Ehlers	McNulty	Towns			
Emanuel	Meeks (NY)	Turner			
Emerson	Mica	Upton			
Engel	Michaud	Visclosky			
English (PA)	Millender-	Walden (OR)			
Eshoo	McDonald	Walsh			
Evans	Miller (MI)	Wamp			
Everett	Miller (NC)	Wasserman			
Farr	Miller, Gary	Schultz			
Fattah	Mollohan	Waters			
Ferguson	Moore (WI)	Watson			
Finer	Moran (KS)	Watt			
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Moran (VA)	Waxman			
Foley	Murphy	Weiner			
Fortenberry	Murtha	Weldon (FL)			
Fox	Myrick	Weldon (PA)			
Frelinghuysen	Napolitano	Weller			
Galleghy	Neal (MA)	Wexler			
Gerlach	Neugebauer	Whitfield			
Gibbons	Ney	Wicker			
Gilchrest	Northup				
Gillmor	Norwood				
Gingrey					

NAYS—122

Baird	Green, Gene	Miller, George
Baldwin	Grijalva	Moore (KS)
Barrow	Gutierrez	Musgrave
Bean	Gutknecht	Nadler
Becerra	Harris	Oberstar
Berman	Hayworth	Obey
Berry	Hefley	Olver
Bishop (NY)	Hensarling	Pallone
Blumenauer	Herseth	Pelosi
Boswell	Hinchey	Pence
Brown (OH)	Honda	Peterson (MN)
Brown-Waite,	Hooley	Petri
Ginny	Hulshof	Pomeroy
Cardoza	Inslee	Price (GA)
Chabot	Israel	Rohrabacher
Chandler	Jones (NC)	Ross
Chocola	Jones (OH)	Roybal-Allard
Coble	Kaptur	Salazar
Conyers	Kennedy (MN)	Sanchez, Loretta
Cooper	Kildee	Sanders
Costello	Kilpatrick (MI)	Shays
Davis (CA)	Kind	Sherman
Davis, Jo Ann	Kucinich	Shimkus
DeFazio	Lee	Slaughter
DeGette	Lewis (GA)	Snyder
Dicks	Lipinski	Solis
Doggett	Lofgren, Zoe	Spratt
Duncan	Lowey	Stark
Etheridge	Maloney	Stearns
Feeney	Markey	Tancredo
Flake	Marshall	Tanner
Forbes	Matheson	Tauscher
Ford	McCollum (MN)	Taylor (MS)
Fossella	McDermott	Tierney
Frank (MA)	McGovern	Udall (CO)
Franks (AZ)	McKinney	Udall (NM)
Garrett (NJ)	Meehan	Van Hollen
Goode	Meek (FL)	Velázquez
Gordon	Melancon	Westmoreland
Graves	Menendez	Woolsey
Green (WI)	Miller (FL)	Wu

NOT VOTING—7

Andrews	Lynch	Schakowsky
Carson	Paul	
Clay	Renzi	

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So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 28, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and missed the House of Representatives' vote on the adoption of the Conference Report on H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on H.R. 2985.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 225) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 225

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, in consonance with section 132(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, July 28, 2005, Friday, July 29, 2005, or Saturday, July 30, 2005, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate